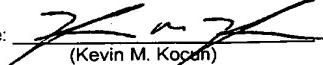


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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed June 30, 2006, Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks.